THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) (a) The foreign exchange earned by Mautit Udyog Limited from sale of Maruti vehicles is as follows :

Foreign Exchange Earnings

Year	Rs./Crores	$Million*
1984-85 . . .	9·90	8.50
1985-86 . . .	12·49	10·00
1986-87 . . .	4·25	3·34
1987-88 . . .	8·68	6·67
1988-89 . . .	13·78	9·59
1989-90 . . . (Upto Jan. 90)	24·59	15·07

* Converted ataverage rates.

(b) No, Sir. Government has already given the clearance for the manufacture of Maruti 1000 Car.

(c) Does not arise.

Naturopathy Centres

690. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Naturopathy Centres in the country at present, Statewise and how many of them are receiving grant from the Central Government ;

(b) What are the names of the places where such Centres are located in Orissa anu the number of patients treated at these Centres during the last two years ; and

(c) What is the number of such Centres proposed to the set up during 1990-1991 along with their locations ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY) : (a) to (c) most of the Naturopathy Centres in the country are run by voluntary/private agencies. Information regarding State-wise number of naturopathy centres and thier location, number of patients treated, etc. is not maintained.

The Union Government have, however, set up a National Institute of Nturopathy at Pine and a Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN) at Delhi. The CCRYN provides financial Assistance to Naturopathy centres for research which approach it, after checking their status. They have provided financial assistance to 15 Naturopathy Centres.

CIL's plans for Coal Production.

691. *SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA* : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Limited has launched a coal net plan to achieve excellence in comunication for Production of a million tonnes of coal by the turn of the century ; and

(b) if so, what are the details there of ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. Coal India Ltd., has prepared a COALNET plan to improve its communication network for achievig a production target of 375 million tonnes of coal by the turn of the century.

(b) The COALNET plan will be implemented in four stages as follows :

Stage I—Coal India headquarters will be connected with headquarters of subsidiary companies and the Department of Coal.

Stage II—Important areas and projects will be connected with respective subsidiary company headquarters.

Stage III—Other areas, washeries, workshops and rescue stations will be connected with subsidiary company headquarters.

Stage IV—Communication links will be established between area offices and mine units.

Revival of M/s. Nirlon Synthetics and Fibres Limited

692. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for the revival of M/s. Nirlon Synthetics and Fibres Limited ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) and (b) The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) is studying the measures for rehabilitation of M/s. Nirlon Synthetics & Fibres Limited.

Compensation to Bhopal gas tragedy victims

693. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Central Government towards payment of interim and final compensation to the Bhopal Gas tragedy victims ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): The compensation amount for the Bhopal Gas victims has not yet been finally decided as the Government has filed an Affidavit in the Supreme Court supporting the petitioners for review of its earlier Settlement Order dated 14th/15th February, 1989. The matter is sub-judice.

However, the Supreme Court earlier directed payment of Interim Relief at specified rates to the specific categories of victims and these payments are accordingly being made since May, 1989 by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh. The expenditure incurred on this account is being reimbursed by the Central Government. In addition, the Government has also decided to pay an interim relief of Rs. 200/- per month per person for a period of 3 years to all the residents in the 36 severely affected municipal wards in Bhopal, at the time of disaster. The payment will be made to the minors and adults at the same rate through the scheduled Nationalised/Cooperative Banks. The amount of interim relief will be adjusted against the individual compensation to be finally determined. The money is being released to the Banks shortly and payment will start through the said Banks at the earliest.

Import of natural gas

694. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import natural gas; and

(b) if so, what are the particulars of such intended import ?